DOE Weekly Field Memo - May 5, 2010

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Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Application

Audience: Elementary School Principals & Food Service Managers

The FFVP provides funding for fresh fruits and vegetables to be served to all children in participating schools throughout the school day. It is an effective and creative way of introducing fresh fruits and vegetables as healthy snack options. To be selected for the FFVP, your school must be an elementary school, operate the National School Lunch Program and have 50 percent or more students eligible for free or reduced price meals. Schools between 40 and 50 percent may also be considered once all 50 percent and higher schools have submitted their applications. Visit

http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_nutrition.html#ffvp. Applications are due Friday, May 21, 2010.

Contact: Laurie Colgan (802) 828-5153 or laurie.colgan@state.vt.us; or Cheryl Barrows at (802) 828-2447 or cheryl.barrows@state.vt.us

Town Meeting on Education with Sen. Sanders

Audience: All

Join U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders, Commissioner Vilaseca, 2010 Vermont Teacher of the Year Craig Divis and other educational leaders representing VSA, VPA, VT-NEA and VSBA for a town meeting on No Child Left Behind and Education Reform. Teachers, parents, and others who are interested in improving education for Vermont's students are encouraged to attend. The event will be held May 10, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School, S. Burlington. RSVP requested, but not required. For more information, visit http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/calendar.html#town or call Senator Sanders' office at 1-800-339-9834.

Contact: Cindy Lee at (802) 828-0770 or cindy.lee@state.vt.us

Count of State-Placed Students SPS Form 1

Audience: Superintendents, Principals, Business Mangers, and School Registrars

After the last day of school for the 2009-2010 school year, we recommend that the person responsible for filling out the SPS Form 1 for state-placed ADM go to the following Web page to view the Count of State-placed Students Data Collection Form for School Year 09-10 (SPS Form 1) (Excel): http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_interagency/state_placed.html#form_1. All schools are to submit a SPS Form 1 by August 13, 2010. If they do not have state-placed students in their school, they are supposed to write "none" and submit that. All forms are supposed to be signed by the superintendent, with an original signature, as stamped signatures will not be accepted. Before signing

them, please be sure staff have completed all sections for each student. If they are not complete, they will

be returned. This could jeopardize the correct computation of your FTE's to determine funding. Contact: Donna Trucksess at (802) 828-5931 or donna.trucksess@state.vt.us

From the Vermont Department of Health:

Reimbursement for Schools Due to H1N1 Clinic Participation (Attachment)

Audience: Principals, Superintendents, Business Managers, School Health Professionals

During the 2009-2010 H1N1 influenza, many Vermont schools took important steps to keep the flu from spreading. One of the greatest success stories of this effort was the effectiveness of the school-based vaccination clinics. The hard work and participation of school and local health staff helped Vermont achieve

a 72 percent vaccination rate for children ages 6 months to 17 years – the second highest vaccination rate in the nation. For the purposes of documentation and reimbursement, it is important for the Vermont Departments of Education and Health to know the role your school played in school-based vaccination clinics. Please complete the form attached and return it by May 14, 2010 to: Vermont Department of Health - Attn: Emily Hamlin, 108 Cherry Street, PO Box 70, Burlington, VT 05401-007 or *Via Fax*: (802) 863-7483, Attn: Emily Hamlin.

We will be unable to reimburse schools that return incomplete or late forms. Please return your completed form by **May 14.**

If your school did not participate in a school-based clinic, you may disregard this form.

Contact: Emily Hamlin at Emily.hamlin@ahs.state.vt.us (Attachment)

From the Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation:

Vermont Days – Free Admission to State Parks

Audience: All, Students, Parents

Vermont Days is June 12th and 13th. All Vermont State Park day areas, state-owned historic sites, and Vermont's History Museum will be open and free to the public. Saturday, June 12th is free fishing day – the one day in the year when residents and non-residents may go fishing without a license. Locations and events are open and free for both residents and nonresidents. Vermont Days is a free statewide event celebrating Vermont's natural resources, history, and culture (brought to you by the Departments of Forests, Parks & Recreation, Fish & Wildlife, Tourism & Marketing, the Division of Historic Preservation, and many supportive state employees and volunteers). Check for details on this weekend and for information on Vermont's fishing, state parks, and historic sites at http://www.vermontdays.vermont.gov.

Weekly Field Memo is Online!

The DOE Weekly Field Memo is archived on the Department of Education Web site at http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/field_memo.html. Field Memos and the corresponding attachments are available for download. For Field Memo information three months or older, or for other questions, please contact Jill Remick, communications director, at (802) 828-3154 or iill.remick@state.vt.us.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For the Department of Education Web site see: http://education.vermont.gov/. For upcoming events or professional development opportunities, see the DOE Calendar of Events located at: http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/calendar.html.

Main Department Line: (802) 828-3135

NOTE: For comments or questions specific to the messages above, please contact the person listed. DO NOT reply to this message.

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April 30, 2010

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Name of School (no abbreviations):
School Address:
Name of Supervisory Union:
Type of School: Independent Public Telephone Number:
Did you distribute consent packets? Yes No
Did you host a 1 st dose clinic? Yes No Did you host a 2 nd dose clinic? Yes No
hereby affirm that the information provided above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
Name & title of authorized individual:
Signature: Date:

Schools that do not return this completed form by May 14 will not be reimbursed.